AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A process for producing a carbonized product used for producing activated carbon for an electrode of an electric double-layer capacitor, comprising the steps of subjecting a condensed polycyclic aromatic pitch having an optical anisotropic rate Oa in a range of 1 % ≤ Oa ≤ 90 % and a softening point Ts in a range of 140°C ≤ Ts ≤ 260°C to an oxygen crosslinking treatment at a heating temperature Th set at Th ≤ 260°C to provide an organic material for a carbonized product having a light component content L equal to or larger than 14.5% by weight, and subjecting the organic material to a carbonizing treatment at a temperature-raising rate Rt set at Rt ≥ 500°C/h and at a heating temperature Th set in a range 600°C ≤ Th ≤ 1,000°C for a heating time t set at t ≤ 2 hr.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) An organic material for a carbonized product used for producing activated carbon for an electrode of an electric double-layer capacitor, which is produced by subjecting a condensed polycyclic aromatic pitch having an optical anisotropic rate Oa in a range of 1 % ≤ Oa ≤ 90 % and a softening point Ts in a range of 140°C ≤ Ts ≤ 260°C to an oxygen crosslinking treatment at a heating temperature Th set at Th < 260°C, and which has a light component content L equal to or higher than 14.5 % by weight.

Claim 3 (original) An organic material for a carbonized product according to claim 2, wherein said condensed polycyclic aromatic pitch has an optical anisotropic rate Oa lower than 50 %.

Claim 4 (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the oxygen crosslinking treatment is carried out in an oxygen current.